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1. DURING CALL ON MORGAN, ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY AT FCO, TODAY WE DREW ON REFTEL TO LET HIM KNOW ABOUT GUIDELINES BEING USED BY US MISSIONS IN NATO CAPITALS TO EXPLAIN US VIEWS ON POSSIBLE NATO SUMMIT. MORGAN SAID HE AGREED COMPLETELY WITH THE POINTS MADE IN REFTEL AND ADDED THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN WOULD DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE SUMMIT WITH HIS EC MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUES THIS WEEKEND AT THEIR INFORMAL MEETING IN DUBLIN. FOLLOWING THE EC MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION INSTRUCTIONS WOULD BE PREPARED FOR PECK FOR DISCUSSION IN NAC NEXT WEEK.

2. MORGAN OBSERVED THAT A NATO SUMMIT COULD BE A USEFUL STOCKTAKING AT THE END OF THE INTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE GOING ON DURING THE LAST WEEK

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OF MAY; IT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE CAPSTONE TO THOSE

MEETINGS. HE SAW NO NEED AND IN FACT CONSIDERED IT UN-
DESIRABLE FOR THE SUMMIT TO BE CSCE ORIENTED. THE
SUBJECT SHOULD OF COURSE BE TOUCHED ON IN THE COMMUNIQUE.
OFFICIAL LEVEL THINKING IN THE FCO IS THAT THERE SHOULD
BE SOME FLEXIBILITY ABOUT ATTENDANCE OF HEADS OF GOVERN-
MENT IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE FRENCH WHO, MORGAN
BELIEVED, WOULD PROBABLY SEND CHIRAC RATHER THAN GISCARD.
MORGAN READILY AGREED WITH OUR OBSERVATION THAT A NATO
SUMMIT AT THE END OF MAY ATTENDED BY THE PRESIDENT WOULD
ALSO BE A CONVINCING DEMONSTRATION OF THE US COMMITMENT
TO EUROPE PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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